



Chapter 6 - Section 1 & 2.

Mt. Olivet Methodist Episcopal Church - Droop Mt.

Mt. Olivet, a Methodist Episcopal Church, is situated on Droop Mountain about a mile from the Pocahontas-Greenbrier line on Route # 219. It is a log church and was built in 1680.

The deed for the land is recorded in D. B. 13 page 365- Jan. 30, 1680. Joseph B. Dean & Hannah Dean to John F. Lay, James O. Snedegar, William Shisler, James W. Shisler, and George Caraway, Trustees, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be kept and used by the ministers and members of the said church, and to be free to all orthodox churches when not occupied by them of the other part. - A parcel of land containing one and one-half acres.

Among the first members were:

- Joseph Dean
- Sam Spitzer
- Wm. Cutlip
- James Shisler & wife
- Tyler Lay
- Rebecca Lay
- George Caraway
- George Whiting
- Wm. Shisler
- James O. Snedegar

When the new road was built, the church was very  
badly damaged, so due to the influence of the Rev. Ward who  
was the pastor at this time, the church was rebuilt and re-  
dedicated. It was dedicated in 1932 and the Rev. Wells  
preached the dedicatory sermon. Mr. Andrew Rice made a  
speech at the rededication. The crowd was so large that  
he had to stand outside on the steps so that everyone could  
hear him. There have never been any records kept in this  
church that anyone knows about. This, too, was a reason for  
the rededication.

The church has a membership of about seventy-five  
persons. There are preaching services here the second  
Sunday of each month. The Rev. Tenney is the pastor at the  
present time.

The names of some of the pastors who have served this  
church are:

- Rev. J. B. Wickline
- " Geo. Wanless
- " Holrick
- " Walters
- " Ward
- " Robt. Bracken
- " Shirley Cochran
- " Tenney

There is a Sunday school here with an enrollment of  
about fifty members. Last winter it was kept open all the  
year, but this year on account of sickness and bad weather it

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was discontinued the latter part of December for three months. The Supt. is Mr. Wilton McMillion.

The stewards are:

Gerard Simmons

Wm. Hinkle

C. B. Spitzer

The trustees are:

C. B. Spitzer

Gerard Simmons

There is no womans organization in this church.

Information: Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Cutlip